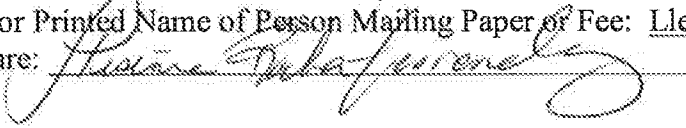


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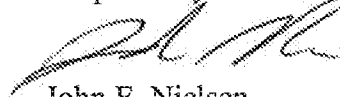
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This is the corrected Section III of the Appeal Brief arising from the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief.

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III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

This continuation application (US 09/735,697), claiming priority to US 60/070,317, has a very lengthy history dating back over a decade. The current Examiner (Mr. DeBeradinis) began his work in September 2004. The currently pending claims were presented on November 29, 2011. These claims were rejected on February 3, 2012:

58. A method of preventing confusion in users of a multiple outlet power strip having several identical outlets for providing power to a plurality of devices [Support found in paragraph 0007, 0009, 0016-0018, and Figures 2 and 3] comprising the steps of:

- a. assigning a separate and distinct color code to each outlet for selectively identifying each outlet of said power strip [Support found in paragraphs 0007, 0009, 0016-0018, and Figures 2 and 3, reference characters C1, C2, C3 etc.]; and
- b. assigning to each color-coded outlet a different color from any other such color-coded outlet [Support found in paragraphs 0007, 0009, 0016-0018, and Figures 2 and 3, reference characters C1, C2, C3 etc.]; and
- c. providing colored indicia adjacent to each color-coded outlet, wherein each indicia comprises a background color identical to its adjacent color-coded outlet. [Support found in paragraphs 0007, 0009, 0016-0018, and Figure 3, reference characters IC1, IC2, IC3 etc.].

59. The method, as recited in claim 58, wherein each indicia identifies a peripheral device connected to the adjacent color-coded outlet.

60. The method, as recited in claim 58, wherein each indicia comprises a color-coded label identifying the peripheral device connected to the adjacent color-coded.

61. The method, as recited in claim 58, wherein each color-coded label comprises a unique identifier to identify a peripheral device.

62. A method, as recited in claim 58, wherein the unique identifier comprises one or more printed words and/or abbreviations thereof .

63. An electrical power distribution system comprising:

- a. a housing having a plurality of substantially identical AC power distribution outlets for providing AC electrical power to a plurality of peripheral devices connected thereto [Support found in paragraphs 0007, 0009, 0016-0018, and Figures 2 and 3, reference character 20N]; and
- b. a plurality of unique colored areas disposed on or proximate to each outlet, for identifying each outlet and the peripheral device connected to each outlet. [Support found in paragraphs 0007, 0009, 0016-0018, and Figures 2 and 3, reference characters C1, C2, C3 etc. and IC1, IC2, IC3 etc.].

64. The electrical power distribution system of claim 63, further comprising:

- a. a plurality of color-coded labels located adjacent to the outlets, wherein each color-coded label:
 1. comprises the same color as the adjacent colored area; and
 2. identifies a peripheral device connected to the adjacent outlet.

65. The electrical power distribution system of claim 64 wherein each color-coded label comprises a unique identifier to identify the peripheral device.

66. The electrical power distribution system of claim 65 wherein the unique identifier comprises one or more printed words and abbreviations thereof.

67. The AC electrical power distribution system as recited in claim 66 further comprising overcurrent and noise protection elements.